

Tuesday - 18 September 1951

1. In an interview with the New York Times on Sunday, 16 September 1951, Senator Ferguson stated that he had asked CIA for information regarding subsidization of the Communist Party in Italy by certain elements of Italian industry. His letter to WLP dated 13 September furthers this request. I have discussed the matter with Mr. Dulles and Mr. Wisner and available CIA material will be gathered together by Mr. Wisner. In addition a special report on this subject is already in preparation in O/NE. I have informed Mr. Dompierre of Senator Ferguson's office that a reply will take several days to prepare but will be forthcoming.

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2. Have received from the office of Senator Dirksen additional correspondence to the Senator from [ ] requesting information for RR-1 type receiver used in China by the American Consulate service. Passed on to [ ] OSO for action.

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